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Professor Celia Hammond

In this, my first contribution to *In Principio* as Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame, I acknowledge, applaud and thank our Vice Chancellor Emeritus, Dr Peter Tannock, for his extraordinary achievements over the last 16 years at the helm of Notre Dame.

As Peter is fond of noting, when he started as Vice Chancellor there was no formal inauguration to commemorate his appointment, there was no period of 'handover', Notre Dame occupied less than a handful of buildings in the West End of Fremantle, indeed, there were no undergraduate students. When I took office on 1 August 2008, much had changed. The University now operates on three campuses in Fremantle, Broome and Sydney. Higher education qualifications are offered in a variety of disciplines and taught through our Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, Health Sciences, Law, Medicine, Nursing and Philosophy & Theology.

The total number of students enrolled in the University in 2008 is 7,336; there are 538 staff on fixed term contracts (and many more casual and sessional). We have over 5,804 alumni registered on our database and Notre Dame occupies 48 buildings over its three campuses and is undertaking significant capital works on all three campuses over the next two years. Notre Dame has increasingly been recognised by Governments over the years and now offers a significant number of Commonwealth Supported Places in Teacher Education, Nursing, Medicine, and on our Broome Campus. We have also received significant capital funding from the Federal Government and access to low interest loans from the Western Australian State Government.

This is a quantitative snapshot of Peter's achievements over the past 16 years at Notre Dame. However, all those who have



Front Cover: Entrance to the Carolyn Tannock Courtyard.

In September 2008 Mrs Carolyn Tannock, wife of Dr Peter Tannock retiring Vice Chancellor, was acknowledged for her long-standing support of the University with the naming of the Carolyn Tannock Courtyard.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Professor Celia Hammond meeting Pope Benedict XVI.

had any association with the University will know that it cannot be measured or understood solely by reference to statistics or numbers. No comparators or benchmarking activities will identify the essence or character of Notre Dame or accurately describe the legacy left by Peter. Notre Dame is proudly a Catholic university – one of only two in Australia, but part of a much larger worldwide tradition. Its *Objects* clearly articulated in the Act of Parliament, are to provide higher education in a context of Catholic faith and values. The Notre Dame that Peter has built seeks to be an environment in which teaching, learning, scholarship and research can be pursued in such a way that all who are associated with it are encouraged to seek understanding, to seek wisdom, to seek to serve, to seek to live in a way that fulfils everyone's higher purpose. This University would not exist today but for Peter and to him we owe an enormous debt of gratitude and thanks. It was very pleasing to witness in September,

the bestowal of a papal knighthood on Peter in recognition of his work and service. Taking on the role of Vice Chancellor after Peter is somewhat daunting. However, as I have remarked before, I could not and will not try to 'fill Peter's shoes'. Peter's role was to find the soil in which to plant the Notre Dame seed, to make it take root and start to grow. This he achieved. Now it is time, and is my role, to nurture and strengthen the growing vine; to let it bury its roots deeper and let its stalks and stems thicken.

How to do this is the exciting challenge I face. Clearly I cannot do it on my own. My intention is to use and nurture the many talents of the great staff who work at Notre Dame and to look to bringing additional quality people on board as we continue to grow.

The staff we have are the heart and soul of the institution. I cannot overstate their value. I want to encourage them to continue to strive for excellence in their

scholarship and teaching. I want them to be mentors and dynamic role models to their students. I look to recruiting students who want to challenge themselves to achieve; who set themselves the highest standard of achievement and who aren't afraid of goodness and kindness.

Two weeks before I commenced as Vice Chancellor I had the privilege of meeting His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI at our Darlington site. It was a very special and inspiring occasion. The way forward is clear: to follow Christ. I pray for the courage and faith to do so as I lead Notre Dame into the future.

THE UNIVERSITY

A Personal Reflection

The Deputy Chancellor on *The challenge to conscience*

Last month the Victorian Parliament legalised abortion, and in doing so required doctors who had a conscientious objection to themselves performing abortions to refer the patient to another doctor who would perform the abortion. The intention of the section is to ensure that, where a woman seeks advice from a doctor who has a conscientious objection to abortion, she will be referred promptly to another doctor able to assist her.

Before this section was enacted by the Victorian Parliament, it was the subject of intense and widespread criticism from within the medical profession and by the churches. Sadly, some of the more prominent exponents of the law of human rights were silent or indeed supporters of this proposal.

The recent origins of this move can be seen in an article in 2006 in the British Medical Journal by Professor Julian Savulescu from Oxford University, formerly of Melbourne. "The doctor's conscience has little place in the delivery of modern medical care... If people are not prepared to offer legally-permitted, efficient, and beneficial care to a patient because it conflicts with their values, they should not be doctors."

This proposition contradicts the *Code of Ethics* of the Australian Medical Association which expressly recognises the right to freedom of conscience of medical practitioners. It also contradicts the central principle of political liberty which says that we should give the widest possible scope

to individuals to refrain from performing actions to which they have ethical objection. It is difficult to see in the context of the Victorian legislation why there was any compelling reason not to have recognised this right of conscience.

This development is not limited to Australia. In England the Catholic Church has found itself at odds with government legislation about adoption by gay couples and referrals for abortion by doctors in Catholic hospitals under the National Health Service.

The debate as to the right and wrong of the abortion legislation and adoption rights has overwhelmed the further question of conscientious objection. Whereas the substantive issue is of course paramount, it seems to me that the subsidiary issue of conscientious objection will form an ever more important issue for those working in the health care system whose ethical integrity will be increasingly under attack. The task of a university such as Notre Dame is to marshal the arguments and deploy them in the public forum well in advance of the next proposal further to restrict clinicians' freedom of conscience.



Mr Terry Tobin QC



Dr Michael Quinlan and Mr Terry Tobin QC.

Appointment of New Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor

The Hon Justice Neville Owen resigned from his position as Chancellor due to work commitments. The Trustees accepted his resignation with very deep regret and expressed their appreciation and admiration for the great job he had done.

In his statement to the Trustees, Justice Owen expressed his continuing commitment to the goals and ideals of the University. He will remain closely involved as a Trustee and a Governor.

Dr Peter Tannock said, "Neville Owen has been an outstanding Chancellor of Notre Dame. He has been an excellent Board Chairman and leader of the governance structure of the University."

The Trustees appointed the Acting Chancellor, Dr Michael Quinlan, as Chancellor from 1 July 2008 for a term of eighteen months.

Dr Quinlan is one of the University's founding fathers and has been a Trustee of the University since its inception. He was appointed Deputy Chancellor in 2006. He was pivotal in establishing the College of Health and the Fremantle School of Medicine.

Dr Quinlan has had a most distinguished career as one of Western Australia's leading physicians and as a Clinical Professor of Medicine at The University of Western Australia as well as Professor of Medicine at Notre Dame.

In July the Board of Trustees announced the appointment of Sydney Trustee, Mr T K Tobin QC, as the new Deputy Chancellor.

Mr Tobin was appointed a Trustee of Notre Dame at the beginning of 2005 and was part of the foundation of the Sydney Campus.

He is a Queen's Counsel in New South Wales, and in recent years has also practised extensively in Western Australia. He has been a great supporter of the University.

World Youth Day 08 supported by all campuses

The world was watching Australia in July this year when *World Youth Day 2008* (WYD08), the largest youth event in the world, was hosted in Sydney.

More than 400,000 people took part in WYD08 events from 15-20 July. WYD08 hosted by the Catholic Church, but open to all, marked the first visit to Australia by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI.

WYD08 provided students with the opportunity to participate in many of the WYD08 events including an amazing 'sleepout' which saw over 200,000 Catholic pilgrims camping under the stars at the chilly Randwick racecourse.

Staff were also involved in the pilgrimage and the events in Sydney. A unique opportunity was provided for Broome Campus Indigenous research assistant, Ms Erica Spry when she was invited to be one of four keynote speakers to lecture at the Catholic Earthcare Australia's, *Caring for God's Creation* seminar, during the celebrations.

Ms Spry, a Bardi woman from the Dampier Peninsula north of Broome, related her life

growing up as an Aboriginal Catholic and discussed how both her traditional culture and her Catholic teachings encouraged her to respect all of God's creation.

Providing a location to display the relics of the 'Patron Saint-in-waiting' of WYD08 was another contribution by Notre Dame.

The casket containing the remains of the Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was convoyed from Turin, Italy for WYD08, and were displayed in St Benedict's Parish Church on the Broadway site.

Blessed Pier Giorgio was a young Italian man who, despite his relatively privileged background, assisted underprivileged people. He is seen as a special patron of youth because he combined his enjoyment of life and sports with strong faith, serious charity and commitment to social justice. Pier Giorgio died of polio at 24 and was beatified in 1990.

Notre Dame's education and nursing degrees winners in latest round of Government funding

The University's Schools of Education and Nursing have been successful in receiving new Commonwealth supported higher education places in the national priority areas of teaching and nursing.

The places, which will commence in 2009, were allocated by the Minister for Education, the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, under the Australian Government's 2008-09 budget initiative.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond said she was delighted with the announcement.

"Notre Dame has built a reputation for providing quality clinical and practicum opportunities for students.

"These programs are comprehensive with the aim to expose students to a wide variety of industry experiences which we have been able to offer due to our strong relationship with our health care and education partners, both in the private and public sectors.

"The excellent education and experience our students receive, coupled with the broad educational foundation offered at Notre Dame has seen our graduate nurses and teachers being in high demand with employers.

"We are very grateful to the Federal Government for the additional places and look forward to the opportunities they provide for future Notre Dame students."

Emeritus Professorships awarded

During second semester, Vice Chancellor Celia Hammond announced on behalf of the Trustees of the University the bestowal of two Emeritus titles.

The first was awarded to the Vice Chancellor Emeritus, Dr Peter Tannock, who had led the University for 16 years. Dr Tannock retired in July.

The second was awarded to retired Professor of Nursing, Doreen McCarthy at the University's inaugural School of Nursing Oration on Monday 7 October 2008.

Professor McCarthy retired in 2004 from the position of Foundation Head of the School of Nursing.



1. Ms Erica Spry speaking at *Caring for God's Creation* seminar.

2. WYD08 gathering at the Broadway site.

BROOME

Celebrating success

The University's new Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, officiated at graduation for the first time in August when the Broome Campus held its annual Graduation Ceremony. Over 200 family and friends of the graduating group gathered in the Campus grounds to share in the graduands' celebrations.

The Ceremony included the awarding of testamurs to graduates from the Schools of Business, Education and Nursing. In addition Certificates and Diplomas were awarded in Aboriginal Studies, Teacher Assistant (Indigenous) and Enrolled Nursing.

Valedictorian Katherine Corkill addressed the students, staff and visitors and spoke of her memories of her time studying the Bachelor of Nursing. On behalf of the graduands she expressed thanks to all those who had supported them in their studies. Katherine spent time at Meekatharra, Three Springs and Carnarvon as part of her clinical rotation in the nursing degree. In the future she hopes to move on to study Medicine.

Among the Vocational Education and Training graduates was Cindy Murray, the first Enrolled Nursing graduate. Cindy is now employed at Kununurra Hospital. She told staff that she was proud to have achieved her goal and was enjoying her role as an Enrolled Nurse.

The Most Reverend Christopher Saunders, Bishop of Broome led the gathering in the Graduation Prayer. This was followed by the Occasional Address given by Dr Peter Tannock, the Vice Chancellor Emeritus. Dr Tannock spoke of the development of Catholic education in the Kimberley and his hopes for the future. He remarked on the importance of having a university campus in the region and Notre Dame's commitment to providing quality university education to students in a remote location.

National seminar series examined Indigenous public policy

During Semester 2 the Broome Campus participated in a national seminar series examining Indigenous public policy. The series entitled: *Indigenous Public Policy: Responses from the Ground*, was concerned with Indigenous affairs policy during the period of the Howard coalition government. In particular, it focused on the major changes to Indigenous affairs administration with the abolition of ATSIC in 2004, leading up to the Federal Intervention into Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory in 2007.

The series was coordinated between the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), Canberra, and Charles Darwin University (CDU). It involved high profile presenters in Canberra and Darwin including Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Social Justice Commissioner, Mr Tom Calma; Queensland Liberal Party President, Mr Mal Brough and NSW Aboriginal Housing Office Chief Executive Officer, Mr Russell Taylor.

Video conferencing technology was utilised to allow audiences in Broome, Alice Springs, Darwin and Canberra to participate in the event in real time and also to contribute to the question and answer sessions at the end of each one hour seminar.

Mr Steven Kinnane, researcher with the University's *Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies*, said the series allowed local and regional groups to engage directly with key individuals and organisations that have, and are affecting Aboriginal policy on the national scale.

"These are the individuals who have been responsible for decisions that were made thousands of miles from the Kimberley that have directly impacted on Kimberley Aboriginal communities," Mr Kinnane said.

"Using the resources of Notre Dame we are giving people the opportunity to hear from key individuals involved in this important arena, to ask questions and participate in much needed debate."

Inaugural Nulungu lecture

Following the opening and official naming of the *Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies*, the inaugural Nulungu lecture was delivered by Professor Patrick Dodson. Often referred to as the 'Father of Reconciliation'. The lecture will be an annual event on the Broome Campus.

In his speech, Professor Dodson said the nation would be enhanced by the full and proper recognition and protection of its Indigenous cultures and argued for a courageous dialogue on constitutional recognition beyond changes to the preamble.

"We can bicker for another century as to whether Nugget Coombs was right or Sir Paul Hasluck really had the solutions to the health and well-being of Indigenous people, but this futile battle of ideologies will not improve the life of one single Aboriginal child, will not lower the percentages of Aboriginal people residing in our nation's jails and quite frankly will not assist Twiggy Forrest find 50,000 jobs," he said.

Professor Dodson said the Federal Government's apology to the Stolen Generations in February had drawn 'a line in the sand' and he believed the nation had moved into a 'post-reconciliation period'. He also backed an Indigenous bill of rights, and said Australia's failure to ratify the UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights had left Australia as a 'pariah on the world stage'.

Urging a courageous re-writing of the constitution, he said: "The nation will be enhanced by the constitutional recognition it accords Indigenous peoples because governments need to be made accountable in their dealings with Aboriginal peoples."

"They need to justly and constructively engage via negotiation on the alleviation of the disastrous health, education and social ills bedevilling Indigenous Australians and embark courageously in dialogue on constitutional recognition beyond a preamble."

He said Indigenous people needed to be able to participate fully in the economic life of the nation while being assured that they have not had to surrender their identity and cultural ways in the process.

Professor Patrick Dodson is a lecturer for the School of Arts and Sciences on the Broome Campus.

MOU promotes academic extension program for Broome secondary students

An academic extension program aimed at assisting Year 11 and 12 students from Broome's two high schools began in July after a *Memorandum of Understanding* (MOU) was signed between the Broome Campus, the Catholic Education Office and the Western Australian State Government.

WA's then State Minister for Education and Training, the Honourable Mark McGowan, visited the Broome Campus to sign off on the agreement and officially announce the beginning of the 18 month trial.

The project will provide high achieving students from Broome Senior High School and St Mary's Secondary College, Broome, with additional academic training. The students will have access to workshops and curriculum experts in the areas of career and academic counselling, English, science and mathematics.

The Broome Campus will host many of the activities scheduled and Mr McGowan said the link with the Campus would provide a 'rigorous academic influence' to the program.

Assistant Dean of Education, Broome, Ms Amanda McCubbin, will represent the University on the management committee. The committee will also include representatives from the Department of Education and Training and the Catholic Education Office.

"This project is a significant development that offers opportunity and incentive for promising Broome secondary students. We are pleased to collaborate in this exciting joint venture," said Deputy Vice Chancellor, Broome, Sr Sonia Wagner *sgs*.

Remote community visit helps to promote VET

Three Broome Campus representatives visited the Yungngora Community on Nookanbah Station, 170 kilometres south west of the remote town of Fitzroy Crossing, to participate in the *Careers Awareness Festival* earlier in the year.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) manager, Terri Hughes, nursing lecturer, Sandy Williams and 2nd year nursing student, Elise Kerr, journeyed to the community to promote careers in health and education to students from schools across the Fitzroy Valley, including Yungngora's own Kulkarriya Community School.

The students learned about employment and training opportunities from a variety of organisations. The Broome Campus group discussed the VET programs available at the Campus. Ms Williams and Ms Kerr used their nursing backgrounds to give the children some practical hints on health combining it with the fun activity of listening to their heart beat.

The Broome Campus VET courses currently have students enrolled from communities across the Kimberley. Many of the students recognised family members in the graduation photographs on display and it is hoped some of the students who participated in the festival will one day follow in their relatives' footsteps and study at Notre Dame.

Ms Williams said many of the older students were already familiar with the Broome Campus and were interested in the VET Teacher Assistant courses.

The visitors were treated to a barbecue dinner and concert in the evening and visited some of the station's woolsheds. Local celebrity *Mary G* also provided entertainment on the night. The group camped overnight before making the four and a half hour journey home.

"It was awesome. We had a great time. The whole community was fantastic and it was good to see the children having such fun," Ms Williams said.



1. 2nd year nursing student, Elise Kerr practising some of her skills with children at Nookanbah.

2. Professor Patrick Dodson
Leon Mead Photography

3. **After signing the MOU**
Director of Catholic Education, Mr Ron Dullard; St Mary's College Principal, Mr Tony Treacy; Deputy Vice Chancellor, Broome, Sr Sonia Wagner *sgs*; St Mary's College student, Matthew Wellington; Broome Senior High School students, Nan Isramongkonpan and Emily Hull; St Mary's College student, Domitilla Pioli; then State Minister for Education and Training, Hon Mark McGowan; Kimberley MLA, Mrs Carol Martin and Broome Senior High School, Deputy Principal, Upper School, Mrs Stella Jinman.

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FREMANTLE



Vale Anthony Imbrosciano

(1959 – 2008)



The University's Fremantle Campus was saddened by the loss of much loved philosophy lecturer, Dr Anthony Imbrosciano this year.

Anthony worked in the School of Philosophy and Theology for seven years. In 2004 he was presented the Notre Dame Student Association's Outstanding Lecturer Award in recognition of his positive influence on students throughout their studies.

Anthony and his wife wrote his eulogy before he died. Below is an excerpt:

In the past 12 months, I have faced a series of major health crises. A diagnosis of oesophageal cancer, a major operation which I was fortunate to even survive, months of chemotherapy, and finally the news that the cancer has metastasised and the illness is now terminal. Given that I have an inherently philosophical temperament and am naturally disposed to reflect deeply on issues of life and death anyway, it is no surprise that a question such as "What's really important in life" has become so prominent in my mind. It is actually a question that has been with me for many years prior to my illness, but for obvious reasons has placed itself before me as never before. I write this short reflection, therefore, as a way of summarising what I have learned, and where I have come to.

It is quite amazing how a major existential crisis can force ideas to crystallise at an extraordinary pace. It is as if the gift of crisis

brings with it a certain sharpness of mind, cutting straight through a lot of the nonsense that can hinder the onset of real wisdom. The puzzle suddenly resolves itself, where previously no breakthrough really seemed possible.

So what really is important?

1. *Being reconciled with God (where God is: that conglomerate of energies which are constantly at work to produce this very moment). Accepting God's will, being at peace with God's will in every moment.*
2. *Relationships – having at least some high quality depth relationship throughout one's life. By this I mean Martin Buber's "I-Thou" type of relationship, where one sees the Other in all their uniqueness and individuality, with no taint of objectification, superficiality or self interest.*
3. *To have trodden lightly in this world, leaving soft footprints behind. That is, having a clear conscience, to have left as little hurt in the world as possible.*
4. *Maturity. By this I mean to be truly Other-conscious. To have empathy, compassion, alterity, reverence for life.*
5. *Appreciation & Gratitude. Appreciation has the double meaning of "awareness" and "gratitude". To have one's eyes open, to have awareness for the beauty and goodness in this world, and an awareness of the gifts that even suffering can bring. Gratitude...for everything...including pain and suffering.*
6. *Having absolutely no sense of "entitlement".*
7. *Lastly, Grace! The realisation that it is all gift. We are held from moment to moment by grace alone. That everything is pure gift."*

The University was blessed to have the gift of Anthony on the staff. We are very grateful for that and will miss him.

Seven 5-star ratings two years in a row

The release of the 2009 edition of the *Good Universities Guide to Australian Universities and Private Colleges* has seen Notre Dame awarded seven 5-star ratings for the second year in a row.

The guide, now in its 17th edition, rates a university's performance on a broad range of indicators.

Notre Dame was highlighted as a top university performer for 'overall educational experience', scoring five stars for areas including: Teaching Quality, Graduate Satisfaction, Employment Prospects, Entry Flexibility, Positive Graduate Outcomes and Generic Skills.

Notre Dame has over 7,000 students on its campuses in Fremantle, Sydney and Broome. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond, said she was delighted with the ratings the University received from this influential publication. She said that these ratings were largely due to the outstanding and committed staff.

"The results reflect Notre Dame's very strong commitment to pastoral care and the value we place on each individual student."



Prestigious Menzies Scholarship awarded to Fremantle staff member



Physiotherapy Clinical Coordinator and Senior Lecturer, Ms Anne-Marie Hill has been awarded the *Sir Robert Menzies Allied Health Sciences*

Scholarship for her PhD research studies. She is completing her PhD through the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at The University of Queensland under the supervision of Dr Terry Haines.

The prestigious research scholarship, which is valued at \$25,000 per annum for each of two years, is open to graduates in any

of the health sciences who have enrolled for a PhD in an Australian University and who have completed the first stage of their doctoral program.

The purpose of the scholarship is to try to improve the health of Australians by supporting an outstanding applicant from one of the non-medical allied health disciplines whose research is likely to fall outside the conventional areas of medical research.

Ms Hill holds the degree of Master of Physiotherapy from Curtin University of Technology and the Graduate Certificate in University Teaching from Notre Dame. Her PhD project is entitled: *The role of patient education in prevention of in-hospital falls in the older population*.

Associate Dean of Health Sciences, Professor Peter Hamer said that being awarded the Menzies Scholarship from a field of 25 candidates is an excellent achievement.

"Anne-Marie joins the ranks of past Menzies Scholars of the ilk of Professor Paul Hodges, Dr Julie Hides, and a host of other leaders and contributors to the Allied Health professions."

Ms Hill said, "I feel extremely honoured to be supported in my research by the Menzies Foundation. I also thank all my colleagues at The University of Notre Dame Australia in Fremantle who have supported me to this point in my career."

Public lecture by US Consul General

United States of America Consul General, Dr Kenneth Chern, was invited by the School of Law to deliver a public lecture on the Fremantle Campus in August.

His talk entitled: *Promoting Security, Democracy, Human Rights and Prosperity in Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions* was well received by the audience which included Fremantle Mayor Peter Tagliaferri, senior staff, students and members of the community.

Dr Chern has had first-hand experience of US-East Asian relations. His immediate prior assignment was as Deputy Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; before that he served as Deputy Director of the Office of Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore Affairs at the US Department of State. He also taught History for ten years at The University of Hong Kong, published a book and numerous articles on US-East Asian relations, and researched and presented a seven-week television series on twentieth century China.

In his lecture he spoke of the growing importance of the Asia Pacific region to Western Australia and in particular, the growing economic political and cultural influence of China in Asia and beyond.

"China is steadily and inexorably building its economic structure, external trading relations and political/cultural influence," he explained.

"There is nothing wrong with that. In fact it is to be welcomed that China engages productively and positively in South East Asia and countries beyond.

"It is US policy to engage China positively, to encourage China's development in a way that facilitates positive, productive ties.

"We shouldn't be afraid to cooperate with China in South East Asia and beyond, in terms of economic, cultural and security cooperation. We also need to advance our own practices and values of freedom of expression and of the press, and the rights of people to change governments democratically."

Dr Chern concluded his lecture by noting that educational exchange can be very important and could provide an important opportunity for building relationships between countries.

"China has become an increasingly attractive destination for students from South East Asian countries such as Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore. It is important for both the US and Australia and other Western societies to also reach out to Asia on a cultural and educational front."



Dr Chern with Professor David Malcolm; Fremantle Mayor Peter Tagliaferri; Mr Ben Clarke; students, Rohallah Haidari, Chloe Donjerkovich, Claire Egan and Elizabeth Henderson.

SYDNEY



Dr Peter Tannock, Father Edward A Malloy CSC and Cardinal George Pell.

Blessing and Official Opening of Darlinghurst site and School of Medicine

The University celebrated the Blessing and Official Opening of its Darlinghurst site and the School of Medicine in Sydney on Sunday 13 July 2008. The new state-of-the-art facilities, which have been purpose built for the University's Schools of Medicine and Nursing, are located directly opposite St Vincent's Hospital.

Supporters of the University travelled from overseas and around Australia for the event which was held in the restored historic Sacred Heart Church. His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell AC, Archbishop of Sydney, blessed the new facility, and Father Edward A Malloy CSC, President Emeritus, University of Notre Dame, USA, and Trustee of the University, formally opened it.

His Eminence Cardinal George Pell congratulated the University on the new Darlinghurst site. "The University has built a superb new facility for educating doctors and nurses and for supporting university medical research.

"It has also made ingenious use of the existing parish buildings for teaching and administrative purposes," said Cardinal Pell.

Then Vice Chancellor, Dr Peter Tannock said, "This is a great day for the students and their families and for this new university in Sydney. The Darlinghurst site is a beautiful and historic facility which will do much to enhance the quality of the medical education to be provided by the University."

Collaboration to establish academic centre in palliative care

The Sydney Campus has joined with The University of New South Wales (UNSW) to help establish a multidisciplinary academic centre in palliative care.

The recently launched facility, *The Cunningham Centre* is named in honour of Sister Mary Ann Cunningham (Sister Xavier rsc) who opened Australia's first hospice in 1890 and was Australia's first Sister of Charity. It will be supported by St Vincents and Mater Health Sydney (SV&MHS), Calvary Health Care, Sydney and the NSW Cancer Institute and will be based at the Sacred Heart Hospice, Darlinghurst, Sydney.

The aim of the Centre is to foster research, education, academic leadership and quality service in palliative care. It is a multi-area health service initiative that includes Nurses, Doctors, Allied Health professionals and academics.

Builders win awards

The University's builder for the development of the medical and nursing schools at the Darlinghurst site has won two Excellence in Construction Awards from the Master Builders Association (MBA) of NSW.

Equiset won awards for best tertiary education building and for best use of bricks. Managing director Lorenz Grollo accepted the awards on behalf of the Equiset team at the MBA's annual presentation.

Notre Dame's Architect Marcus Collins said, "Equiset has every reason to be proud of the constructed outcome of this important education and heritage complex. I know from my 30 years' experience as both a heritage and an educational architect that no previous project has contained, on one site, such a wide diversity of construction requirements."

The \$20 million-plus project involved the construction of a new seven-level brick administration and academic building for the Schools of Medicine and Nursing, and the restoration of the Sacred Heart Church complex, integrated with the adjacent St Vincent's Hospital on the corner of Darlinghurst Road and Victoria Street.

Pope Benedict XVI visits Darlinghurst

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI visited the Darlinghurst site on Friday 18 July. He met with local young people at risk of alcohol and substance abuse, victims of homelessness and other forms of disadvantage.

Pope Benedict entered Notre Dame through the medical library, which has been renamed the *Pope Benedict XVI Medical Library* in honour of the Holy Father's visit.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Celia Hammond said, "Naming the medical library after Pope Benedict XVI was just a small gesture for having received the great honour of his visit."

Whilst in the library he inspected the plaque naming the library and greeted a small group of Notre Dame pilgrims. One staff member who met the Pope, Anusha Jebanasam, said that the Pontiff made an intimate connection with the Notre Dame pilgrims.

"We were deeply humbled by the presence of His Holiness as he took time to bless each of us. Pope Benedict radiated warmth and holiness and was genuinely delighted to encounter students and staff as he entered the medical library named in his honour."

The Pope then entered the Sacred Heart Church, which is located within the Campus, to meet the young people invited as guests of the University, Centacare and the Catholic Education Office, Sydney.

Two young people spoke in moving testimonies before the Pope. His Holiness responded with an address and led the congregation in prayer.

As well as the library dedication, the School of Medicine and Centacare are working collaboratively to provide a new service called *Alive+* in honour of the Holy Father's visit.

Executive Dean of the School of Medicine, Professor Julie Quinlivan, said the new program aims to help young people disadvantaged by drugs, alcohol, mental health problems and poverty.

"This provision of an integrated service will offer social work, education and advocacy support in a single centre. It is the first of its kind in Sydney and will be a lasting legacy of the Papal visit," said Professor Quinlivan.



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Love and Life brought to Broadway

During World Youth Day 2008 (WYD08) 50 nuns from the Sisters of Life congregation from New York City were based at the Broadway site. The Sisters spent a week at the Campus transforming it into an official *Love and Life* site during the WYD08 festivities.

The Sisters of Life are a religious community of women from the USA, who devote their time and efforts to the protection and enhancement of human life. They are internationally admired for their work on life, family and marriage.

They are also well known for their Holy Respite Centre, a place where women can come and stay and be cared for during and after their pregnancy. The Centre is designed to serve those women most vulnerable to the pressure of abortion.

During the Sisters' stay at Notre Dame thousands of pilgrims from all over the world visited the Broadway site.

The Sisters turned the University into a catechetical, spiritual and *Youth Fest* centre.

Every morning hundreds of pilgrims were led by the Sisters in catechesis and in the afternoon they held *Love and Life* workshops.

For the *Youth Fest* the Sisters organised a large street party and concert. Pilgrims filled the University's courtyard to hear what the Sisters had to say about life, family and marriage and to listen to the popular American Christian rock group, *The Matt Maher Band*.

Sister Mary Elizabeth from the Sisters of Life said they were all extremely happy to be working with the University during such a momentous occasion.

"We are so happy Notre Dame provided the ideal venue to welcome pilgrims from around the world at the WYD08 *Love and Life* site. Large numbers of youth joined us on Campus each day for numerous events.

"The week we spent at the University was filled with so much fun and spiritual awareness. We had catechesis, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and talks by internationally acclaimed speakers on God's plan for life and love."

INAUGURATION OF 3RD VICE CHANCELLOR

PROFESSOR CELIA HAMMOND › 4 AUGUST 2008

At a concelebrated Mass led by Perth's Catholic Archbishop Barry Hickey, Professor Celia Hammond was inaugurated as the third Vice Chancellor of The University of Notre Dame Australia.

The historical event held on 4 August 2008 was witnessed by over 400 guests including members of the Church, chancellors and vice chancellors of the other WA universities and friends of the University.

Professor Hammond is a legal practitioner with experience in private practice in Western Australia. She has held senior leadership, management and teaching positions at Notre Dame for many years.

His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, Archbishop of Sydney, delivered the homily at the Mass. He said the inauguration was a time to celebrate a 'changing of the guard' with the new chief executive officer, Celia Hammond.

"We thank God for what has been achieved under the retiring Vice Chancellor, Dr Peter Tannock. God has blessed this University and we pray that it may continue."

In her address, Professor Hammond spoke of not only the importance of education but also the importance of a context for knowledge and learning.

"I believe that education is one of the most valuable enabling and empowering opportunities that can be offered to people. However, knowledge and learning without a context or framework of humanity is hollow. Knowledge without love and respect is not wisdom."

"At Notre Dame we are not simply transmitters of information, creators of knowledge. Our mission will always be to teach and to educate in an environment that encourages people to seek understanding, to seek wisdom, to seek to serve, to seek to live in a way that fulfils everyone's higher purpose."

Professor Hammond succeeded Dr Peter Tannock who retired on July 31 after serving as Vice Chancellor of the University for 16 years.

Archbishop Hickey said, "The handing over of the baton from Dr Tannock to Professor Hammond is a reassurance of continuity of the purpose and goals of our University."

"I have no doubt that the new Vice Chancellor will further the work of the University in forming leaders in our community who will offer their skills for the benefit of society within the context of a thoroughly Christian and ethical perspective."



1. Procession of: Fr Peter Black, Fr Kevin Long, Mgr Michael Keating, Fr Greg Watson, Cardinal George Pell, Bishop Gerard Holohan, Archbishop Barry Hickey and servers.
2. Professor Celia Hammond
3. Law graduate, Cate Parsons.
4. Deputy Vice Chancellors; Professor Mark McKenna, Sr Sonia Wagner sgs and Professor Hayden Ramsay.
5. Law graduate, Meneesha Michalka.
6. Bishop Gerard Holohan, Archbishop Barry Hickey and Cardinal George Pell.



ARTS & SCIENCES

A Spanish adventure for Arts & Sciences students

The art of Madrid's Prado museum, Segovia's ancient aqueduct and fairytale castle, and the sunset over Granada's magnificent Alhambra were some of the many extraordinary opportunities seen and shared by a team of Notre Dame students on a recent study tour of Spain.

In July, twenty four students from the Fremantle and Sydney campuses accompanied Dr Deborah Gare, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences in Fremantle, for nearly four weeks in Spain. They were taking part in a special unit on the history and politics of Spain.

The study tour of Spain was part of the College's *Experience the World* program which has previously taken teams of students to such locations as New York, Cambodia and Uganda, and which will be taking a small team with Caritas Australia to India in December.

Dr Gare said the course aimed to provide students with a unique opportunity to examine the fascinating history and politics of the Spanish people. Though the history is long, and the politics complex, Dr Gare suggests that the story of Spain's 'rise and fall and rise again' offers many lessons for the modern west. Key themes studied during the course included the contest of faith, the experience of war and conquest, the intricacies of nationalism and regional diversity, the ravages of civil war and the experience and legacy of empire.

Starting in Madrid at the Universidad de San Luis, students spent two weeks in a string of intensive classes where they studied the history of Spain from the time of the Roman Empire; assessed the centuries which followed in which Muslims, Jews and Christians shared space on the Iberian peninsula; followed the rise of empire and the reconquest under Isabella and Ferdinand; and then turned to the catastrophes of the Spanish Inquisition,

the Napoleonic invasion, and the Civil War of the 1930s.

After Madrid the students then toured some of the nation's most significant landmarks and cities.

They visited such sites as the world heritage listed city of Toledo, once a Moorish capital and medieval centre of the Iberian peninsula. They climbed to the Civil War Memorial and Cathedral called the 'Valley of the Fallen', a fascist monument constructed under the reign of General Franco by prisoners of the Civil War, and now the burial place of Franco himself. The city walls of Segovia were climbed, and its Cathedral and castle explored. Andalusia's colourful Seville, Cordoba and Granada were also both visited, including the world-famous Cordoba mosque, Seville's Cathedral and the grave of Christopher Columbus, and Granada's

stunning Alhambra palace and its magical, Moorish quarters, the Albaycín.

"The course in Spain enabled students to study an extraordinary nation and its people in the country itself," said Dr Gare.

"Students were confronted with complex issues they would never have experienced in a normal classroom, and were challenged by the stories of war, conquest and faith which they either read of or confronted in person.

"This is a exceptional opportunity for study within a degree, and demonstrates at its best the diversity of learning experiences available within Arts and Sciences at Notre Dame."

Sarah Egan, a third year politics student from the Sydney Campus, reported that the study tour of Spain was one of the best adventures of her life.

"This trip to Spain...was an amazing experience," she said. "Being given the opportunity of an in-country study with 23 other students and then travelling around Spain to see what we had learnt about was incredible.

"It was great to see a culture that is so different to ours. I felt it really was an important part of my wider University experience."



Students from the Sydney and Fremantle campuses in the medieval town of Segovia.

BUSINESS

Building relationships in the School of Business

Since very early days in the University's history there has been an important relationship between the Fremantle School of Business and the Mendoza College of Business at the prestigious American Catholic university, the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

Recognised as one of the top business schools in America, the Mendoza College sends staff for a semester each year.

Dean of the College, Professor Carolyn Woo leads a renowned faculty of teachers and scholars. She is very committed to Notre Dame Australia and is a Governor of the University.

Executive Dean of Business, Associate Professor Sonja Bogunovich is very supportive of the program.

"Whilst the visiting academic program is continuously evolving, one of the most significant outcomes of the relationship is the opportunity for mentoring by staff from an internationally acclaimed business school.

"I was delighted this year to have the opportunity to visit Mendoza and meet with a number of key staff. This program offers some truly inspiration and exciting possibilities for our School."

Along with the visiting academic the University also welcomes approximately 30 Study Abroad (SA) business students from Notre Dame.

Professor Peta Sanderson, Director of the University's SA program explains, "The opportunities for Fremantle staff and students which follow from this relationship are many. Fremantle students

have the chance to study a unit taught by the visiting academic while their learning experiences are further enriched by the diversity of students who sit alongside them in class.

"We greatly value the relationship with Mendoza and while there are many tangible and intangible benefits to staff and students of business in Fremantle, it is simply a sheer pleasure and privilege to work on a range of aspects of the SA program with visiting academics from Notre Dame."

This year, Associate Professor Kevin Misiewicz, PhD, CPA accompanied the students. Associate Professor Misiewicz's specialties cover financial accounting fundamentals, tax accounting, non-profit organisations, and ethics at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In addition to teaching in the School, Associate Professor Misiewicz also accompanied the SA students on a five-day fieldtrip to Singapore as part of the unit Business in Asia and on the six-day cultural immersion in the west Kimberley. The Kimberley trip forms part of the class in Australian History and Society which most SA students take while in Australia.

Associate Professor Misiewicz reflects on his time at Notre Dame:

It has been a professional and personal privilege to be a part of the Notre Dame learning community for this semester. The only tough aspect has been getting to know so many amazing people who my wife and I will have to leave at the end of November. [I refrain from naming individuals because there are so many to thank!]

The universities where I have taught in the US were formed in the 1800s so they are at different stages than Notre Dame which is still carving out its role in higher education in Western Australia. It is exciting to be a part of a pilgrim people living a call to build a new voice for learning, for wisdom, for grace.

Most of my students in BS100 Accounting have displayed a deep desire for learning that I have enjoyed. All of them have been friendly and respectful. (I am not used to people saying 'Cheers' when I am giving them their exam to take!) I typically teach full-time students who live on campus. Commuting and outside jobs place unusual barriers to learning for Notre Dame students that they somehow persevere to overcome. (For example, I have never heard before "I forgot the assignment on the train.")

I return to the US with a renewed vigour for teaching and learning. Plus, I hope to pursue a couple of research projects with the Notre Dame faculty.

I pray that the Notre Dame community continues to find new yet faithful ways of bringing the message of Jesus to Australia and to those who share this region of the earth with you.

You have been a channel of grace and hope for my wife and myself.

Thank you! Cheers!



Professor Peta Sanderson, Associate Professor Sonja Bogunovich and Associate Professor Misiewicz.

EDUCATION

Annual Appeal supports new Education facilities

Equipment and special technology for the new School of Education building in Fremantle and the recently acquired academic building in Sydney were the focus of the Annual Appeal in 2008 and will be again in 2009 and possibly 2010.

While the University has received Federal funding for the capital works of both projects, the fitting out and equipping of the buildings can only be done to the desired high standard through the generosity of the Notre Dame community.

The projects, due to get underway in 2009, were given a great start in 2008. A record number of people supported the Annual Appeal which has been proven to be an excellent way of raising funds for Notre Dame's projects. The University also sees the annual initiative as an important means of communicating with its Community and raising awareness of current University priorities and developments.

The University is grateful for all the donors, on-going and new, who by their generous support show such faith in what Notre Dame is trying to achieve.

Master of Religious Education offered nationally

Two unique postgraduate courses in Religious Education which can be completed anywhere in the country are now offered by Notre Dame.

The Graduate Certificate and Masters of Religious Education courses provide a cohesive, specialised study for those wishing to develop their Religious Education skills and qualifications.

Both these courses are offered in external mode with students from New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland having completed the course.

Associate Dean of the School of Education, Fremantle, Associate Professor Maureen Mears, said the structure of the degree is suitable to anybody wanting to study in a specific field of Religious Education.

"Both of these degrees allow students maximum freedom through a wide choice of electives, while at the same time, ensuring that relevant core material is covered.

"The degree allows students to study six units in Religious Education and two theology units; however this can be negotiated according to students' individual needs. With the Graduate

Certificate, students complete one theology and three Religious Education units.

"Some students from Sydney and Brisbane have also travelled to Fremantle to complete one or two units in the intensive mode during school holidays."

Vice Chancellor's medallist and Masters of Religious Education graduate, Robert Haddad, completed the course externally from NSW.

"The course is set out so it is very easy for students like me, who work full time, to complete it to get the proper qualification for teaching Religious Education.

"I always felt in the loop with what was going on with the course and, despite being on the opposite side of the country, my lecturers were always helpful, accessible and very approachable," said Mr Haddad.

For more information on these courses, please contact Associate Professor Maureen Mears on (08) 9433 0166 or mmears@nd.edu.au.



Proposed Teacher Education Building, Fremantle Campus.

Progress for new education buildings

In Fremantle, subject to Council approval, the University is planning to commence construction of a new education building on a vacant site on Cliff Street in the West End of Fremantle. This will be the second new building on the Fremantle Campus and will occupy and re-invigorate an important location on Cliff Street, diagonally opposite the Western Australia Museum - Maritime.

The site was originally the location of the Pier Hotel, which together with the original Fremantle Post Office on the opposite corner, formed a hub of city activity in the 19th and early 20th century.



Brother Kelvin Canavan fms AM

The building designed by the University's long-standing architects, Marcus Collins Architects, will be a further beautiful and functional addition to this very special part of Fremantle. It will provide an auditorium to seat over 350, five large lecture rooms, and a large computer teaching room, in a contemporary limestone building mirroring the limestone museum opposite.

The project has been funded by a combination of Federal and State Governments, private benefactors, and the University. It will be ready for use by February, 2010.

Development for the Sydney School of Education's new facility is moving ahead with soon to be refurbished *Canavan Hall*, named after Brother Kelvin Canavan fms AM, a Notre Dame Governor, and Executive Director of Schools, Catholic Education Office, Sydney.

Next on the University building program is the refurbishment of the building currently known as *Pioneer House*. The six storey, heritage art deco building which was formerly a warehouse and shops, has a large presence on Broadway, Chippendale. The recycling for educational use will provide an important and highly visible gateway to Notre Dame's Broadway site. It will provide three 170 plus seat lecture theatres, large lecture rooms, seminar rooms, and academic offices to accommodate the School of Education and School of Arts and Sciences staff.

HEALTH SCIENCES

Staff's health and fitness a focus for new program

In conjunction with the academic units offered to students, the University's new *Institute for Health and Rehabilitation Research* on the Fremantle Campus operated a pilot staff health and fitness program during 2008.

Free and open to all staff, the program ran each working day, between the hours of 12.00pm and 2.00pm, throughout Semester 2. It was initially set up to cater for the practicum needs of the Exercise and Sports Science students in their final year. It proved, however, to be much more than an academic requirement, providing a popular health and fitness initiative for the 80 staff who participated.

Senior lecturer in Health Sciences and research manager, Dr Fiona Naumann explains:

"Some staff had never been to a gym before and lacked the confidence to try it. The supportive and collegial nature of the program broke the ice for many first timers. Others who had a bad experience at a commercial gym said they were pleasantly surprised to regain their confidence.

"Other benefits from participating in the program included overcoming the challenge of establishing a regular exercise routine. This program provided them with an opportunity to start addressing many of their health issues.

"We offered personal training, group fitness sessions which incorporated cardio, core stability, boxing circuit, cycle and yoga."

Comments from the participants were that they enjoyed participating in the classes and getting to know the other staff members. They also enjoyed watching the students grow in confidence across the semester. The instructors were described as encouraging, supportive and professional.

With such positive feedback from staff the Vice Chancellor has agreed to the initiative being continued in 2009.



Institute launches research projects

The newly opened *Institute for Health and Rehabilitation Research*, housed in the University's new Health Sciences Research and Education Building, has launched two research projects which focus on chronic lower back pain in adults and recovery from breast cancer.

Launched in May this year, the Institute aims to provide students within the health professions with the necessary investigative skills for clinical innovation and life-long service to the Western Australian community, and to influence health policy and improve practice.

Associate Professor Ben Wand is the driving force behind the back pain study. It builds on his research currently underway within the physiotherapy program investigating the role of brain processes in chronic pain. Evidence is mounting that complex, long standing pain problems are associated with considerable cortical (brain) reorganisation and degeneration. This new project aims to examine whether there are functional benefits for patients who undergo a cortical retraining program.

"I am hopeful this approach will be useful in the management of chronic low back pain and lead to more effective outcomes for patients," Dr Wand said. "This project will be important in guiding new approaches to clinical practice."

The study on breast cancer recovery will examine the effects of combined exercise and counselling on breast cancer patients who have completed their treatment. Dr Fiona Naumann, Exercise Physiologist is teaming with Professor Martin Philpott, coordinator of Counselling, in running the project.

"We hope to provide these women with an answer to 'What now?' that arises once regular treatment ends," emphasises Dr Naumann. Participants exercise under the guidance of postgraduate exercise science students. The clinical training gained by the students will contribute to the 500 hours required for accreditation as an Exercise Physiologist, the newest of allied health professions. Dr Naumann's expertise in this field has also just been recognised in the international arena. She has been invited as an Associate Investigator on a proposed Australia and New Zealand exercise and breast cancer survivorship trial. The specially equipped Exercise Rehabilitation Laboratory will be a key site for this trial. These projects have been supported from a special purpose grant to the Institute by the Fogarty Foundation and the Prendiville family.

LAW



Dean of the School of Law, Sydney, Gerard Ryan with members of the Notre Dame Student Law Society (Sydney).

2008 sees outstanding achievements for Fremantle law students

Law students from the Fremantle Campus competed successfully in both intrastate and national competitions during 2008.

The successful year was kicked off by first prize in Western Australia's *Tri Law Competition*. This was followed by students, Justin Geoghegan, Pia Castelli, Natasja Pollemans and Emma Douglas success at the *International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot*.

The prestigious competition saw teams from Australia, America, Indonesia, New Zealand, Malaysia and China compete before panels of professional arbitrators and maritime lawyers.

The Notre Dame team were just beaten in the grand final by The University of Queensland. His Honour Justice Robert French said when presenting the award for runner-up, "There was simply 'a grain of sand' separating two excellent teams!"

Justin Geoghegan was awarded the *Jaya Prakesh Award* for the best speaker in the finals.

Students also excelled against the larger law schools at the Australian Law Schools Association (ALSA) national competitions. Emily Keys and Jason Myers made it to the grand final of the Negotiation Competition and Emma Cullen made it to the semi finals of Witness Examination and was just beaten by the eventual winner.

To finish off the year, graduating student, Belinda McPhee, was the recipient of the Magistrates' Society of Western Australia *Geoff Adjuk Memorial Prize* for 2008.

The prize is awarded to a law student who has demonstrated a commitment to social justice and/or community service by providing assistance to a disadvantaged group in the community. The award recognises the significant voluntary contribution the student has provided over and above the student's required study commitments.

Dean of the School of Law, Associate Professor Jane Power, reflected on the year's achievements:

"The outstanding achievements of the Law School in 2008 are a continuing testament to the high calibre of students and academic staff within the School. For a Law School with such a comparatively small population these successes are outstanding. Each of these achievements has involved extra curricula work in an already demanding degree, and highlights the dedication, determination and talent of our students. I am very proud of their individual and team efforts."

Justice Robert French (now Chief Justice) with law students, Pia Castelli, Justin Geoghegan, Emma Douglas and Natasja Pollemans.

Students launch first Law Society

Students from Sydney's School of Law launched their association this semester – the Notre Dame Student Law Society (NDSLS). More than 70 law students, law staff and other members of the legal profession were invited to the official launch in September. The event included speeches from NDSLS president, Tom Griffin, Dean of Law, Professor Gerard Ryan and special guest speaker, Colonel Even Carlin, an International and Military law expert.

Colonel Carlin presented a first-hand account of the legal issues and consequences of being in combat zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan, together with peacekeeping operations in the Solomon Islands and in East Timor.

The evening was also an opportunity for the students to launch their newsletter *The Final Verdict* and the NDSLS official website, www.ndstms.com.au, which is now up and running.

NDSLS committee member, Stephanie Polson, said the event was a huge success and the committee is looking forward to the future and what it can achieve as student representatives.

"We had such a great turn out to the event and I think everyone is very excited about what might happen in the next year. Now that the Society has been officially launched, we hope to start 2009 continuing our relationships with all involved, supporting the law students and getting out into the wider community," said Ms Polson.



MEDICINE

Advanced ultrasound skills for medicine students

Medicine students from the Sydney Campus will be the first in the country to learn advanced ultrasound skills in their undergraduate training.



Professor Julie Quinlivan with Mr Harry van Dyk.

This has largely been made possible by the donation of a *iU22* ultrasound system by leading health and well-being company, *Philips Electronics Australia*.

The CEO of *Philips Electronics Australia*, Harry van Dyk, said the company is very proud to support Notre Dame's cutting-edge education initiatives in the area of medicine.

"Our company is dedicated to improving the lives of others through timely health care innovations, so it is critical that we ensure Australia's young clinicians are trained to their utmost on the latest technologies," said Mr van Dyk.

Executive Dean of Medicine, Professor Julie Quinlivan said a major feature of the course is to provide exposure to surgical anatomy and medical imaging at the highest level.

"We had heard the criticisms that medical graduates did not know enough anatomy and consequently could not interpret medical imaging from ultrasounds.

"We already have a dissection based anatomy program with a strong focus on surgical anatomy, but are now taking the next step and ensuring that all our graduates can also undertake ultrasound

imaging as a part of the routine clinical assessment," said Professor Quinlivan.

A Chair in Radiology has been appointed in conjunction with St Vincent's Hospital to coordinate the new imaging program and medical imaging has already been integrated into the first and second year anatomy and pathology programs.

Traditionally, ultrasound training is a postgraduate medical skill; however, in the last decade ultrasounds have been used increasingly in examining patients and obtaining excellent diagnostic results.

"It is extremely important for students to start practising medicine with the knowledge of how to use an ultrasound machine," said Professor Quinlivan.

A ceremony was held to thank *Philips Electronics Australia* for their generous donation and to launch the new imaging training room and machine.

New Pre-Medicine Certificate

The University introduced the Pre-Medicine Certificate in Western Australia (WA) this year.

Students take four Pre-Medicine units in addition to their primary degree. The units cover areas such as biomedical science, Aboriginal studies, behavioural science, communications, and the history of medicine. It is designed to assist undergraduate students in their preparation for their application into the graduate entry medicine course.

Fremantle Provost, Professor Mark McKenna, said the certificate provides a new opportunity for students seeking a path to medicine.

"The new certificate is designed to provide a pathway for WA school leavers to the Notre Dame graduate entry medical course. The overarching aim is to produce medical graduates who will be good doctors, and who will work in WA," said Professor McKenna.

There is no prescribed primary degree for the students taking the medicine course. It is designed to be entered from many backgrounds. Current students have come with various undergraduate degrees such as; arts, health sciences, law, counselling and nursing.



Kia Alizadeh, President of the the Medical Student Association, discussing the certificate with students.

NURSING

Parkinson's sufferer inspires new course

A letter to Pope Benedict XVI from a Parkinson's sufferer was the initial inspiration for a new nursing course on the Sydney Campus.

The School of Nursing will start a Post-Graduate Certificate in Neuro-degenerative Disorders in 2009 - dedicated to Pope John Paul II, who had Parkinson's disease.

The idea started when 68 year old Parkinson's sufferer and Tamworth resident, Ben Cross, sent a letter to the Vatican requesting every Catholic in the world to make a small donation to Parkinson's research - in memory of Pope John Paul II.

Mr Cross received a response from the Diocese of Armidale and was referred to the local parish. Not being Catholic he decided to send the letter to His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell via the office of Parkinson's New South Wales (NSW). (Parkinson's NSW Incorporated is a non-profit, community-based organisation established in 1979 to provide information, counselling and support to people living with Parkinson's disease.)

From there a meeting was arranged with the Chief Executive Officer of the organisation, Miriam Dixon, and Cardinal Pell to discuss how best to help.

Cardinal Pell suggested that Notre Dame might wish to investigate the possibility of a new Neuro-degenerative Disorder course, specifically dealing with Parkinson's disease.

Cardinal Pell said he was delighted to see this specialist post-graduate course launched.

"It is great news that Notre Dame has been able to respond so positively to the suggestions of Parkinson's NSW. Enormous suffering is caused by neuro-degenerative diseases, and Pope John Paul II inspired the world by the way he continued to carry out his duties while suffering from Parkinson's.

"So I congratulate Notre Dame and Parkinson's NSW on this initiative, which I hope will contribute significantly to building up the specialist skills increasingly in demand to assist sufferers of neuro-degenerative diseases in our community," said Cardinal Pell.

The post-graduate course will start next year and will run as a combination of on-campus intensive workshops and on-line tuition. The course is a joint project of the Notre Dame Schools of Nursing in Sydney and Fremantle and aims to attract enrolments across a number of states.

Executive Dean of Nursing, Professor Margot Kearns, commented, "This is a wonderful example of how cooperation and a collaborative approach between the education sector and the industry stakeholders can address the needs of skill shortages in a specialist area."

Oration

Professor Linda Worrall-Carter, the Director of St Vincent's/ Australian Catholic University National Centre for Nursing Research delivered the Fremantle School of Nursing's inaugural Oration titled: *Clinical partnerships in nursing - The future of nursing research.*

Professor Worrall-Carter has had extensive experience in the area of nursing research and particularly on creating research and clinical partnerships for both health services and universities nationally and internationally.

The Oration was attended by key stakeholders in nursing and nursing research at both national and State level.

Professor Selma Allix, Dean of the School of Nursing, Fremantle, was very pleased with the opportunity to host the Oration.

"To have a speaker of such high calibre as Professor Worrall-Carter has set a great precedent for future orations. We were delighted to partner with the Office of the Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health and St John of God Healthcare in hosting this Oration. It is intended that the Oration will be an annual event and will be held on the 7 October each year to commemorate the St John of God Foundation Day."

At the Oration

Adjunct Associate Professor Di Twigg; Dean of Nursing, Fremantle, Professor Selma Allix; Professor Linda Worrall-Carter; Chancellor, Dr Michael Quinlan; Director of Nursing SJOG (Subiaco), Ms Chris Hanna-Far and Director of Nursing SJOG Healthcare, Associate Professor Kate Birrell-Group.



PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

World renowned philosophers gather at Notre Dame

Sydney's School of Philosophy and Theology hosted a large international philosophy conference in June this year entitled: *Truth and Faith in Ethics*.

The event had one of the most outstanding line-ups of international ethicists ever to gather in Australia.

Over three days more than three hundred people came to Notre Dame to hear world renowned philosophers address a range of topics concerning truth and faith in ethics.

Professors John Finnis (Oxford), Nancy Sherman (Georgetown), Robert George (Princeton), John Haldane (St Andrews), Julia Annas (Arizona), Raimond Gaita (London and ACU), Anthony O'Hear (Buckingham) and Jude Dougherty (Catholic University of America) joined speakers from Notre Dame and other Australian universities.

Some subjects dealt with by the philosophers were: moral truth and human rights; human dignity and respect; virtue and natural law; military ethics and political ethics.

On the first evening of the conference, Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal George Pell, hosted an Opening Reception. Professor Robert George, one of the most influential voices in political and ethical thought in the USA today, was the guest speaker.

On the second evening Professor John Haldane and Professor Raimond Gaita, debated, *Is God necessary for morality?* in front of a sell-out crowd of 800 at the Seymour Centre, Chippendale.

The event was chaired by Australian broadcaster, writer and social commentator, Mr Phillip Adams and broadcast by Radio National's Late Night Live.

Deputy Vice Chancellor, Dean of Philosophy and Theology on the Sydney Campus and event coordinator, Professor Hayden Ramsay commented, "The debate attracted an enormous Sydney audience. The atmosphere was terrific and the quality of discussion superb. We felt sorry for those who were turned away due to the sell out."

Another highlight of the Conference included a panel where Notre Dame students were given the 'floor' to question 12 of the speakers on public and personal morality.

"I wanted to bring the very best to Sydney. What astonished me were the numerous 'private' sessions in which US and UK thinkers spent time voluntarily with our students.

"The whole occasion was an enormous team effort from Notre Dame, Sydney," said Professor Ramsay.



The Panel

Top row: Professors Raimond Gaita, Christopher Cordner, John Haldane, Samantha Lynch and Julia Annas.

Bottom row: Most Rev Professor Anthony Fisher OP, Professors Robert George, Hayden Ramsay, Nancy Sherman and Dr John Lamont.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Professor Hayden Ramsay (centre) with the *Theology on Tap* crew.

Theology on Tap attracts large following

A group of students from Sydney have had an exciting and successful year with their monthly forum – *Theology on Tap* (TOT)

The TOT series started in August 2007, providing an opportunity for the young people of Sydney to meet and discuss Catholic issues in an informal atmosphere. Since then it has grown in popularity attracting over 500 people to each session

Notre Dame law student, Patrick Langrell, initiated the program through Notre Dame's St Thomas More Society.

"I decided to start it after I heard some audio from a *Theology on Tap* in Denver, Colorado. I heard Archbishop Chaput give an awesome talk on the importance of not leading a double life with our Catholic faith and it just sounded like so much fun.

"All I could hear in the background was what sounded like hundreds of young people eating and drinking, while laughing and listening to the archbishop.

"It was just such a fun and relaxed environment and seemed to attract so many young people, and it made me want to fly over to Denver just to get along to one, but I instead thought: 'Hey, why not start one over here in Sydney?'

Every first Monday of the month the group gather at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub in Parramatta for the talks.

Throughout the year they have had guest speakers such as Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop Charles Chaput from Colorado, who initiated TOT in Denver and Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney and coordinator of WYD08.

One memorable event included a discussion with Notre Dame Deputy Vice Chancellor and Dean of Philosophy and Theology, Professor Hayden Ramsay.

He spoke on a number of ethical matters, including the 'seven deadly sins'.

"It was one of the largest audiences of young people I have spoken to and they listened in complete silence. The event is an enormous credit to the students and to all who take part," said Professor Ramsay.

Another eventful evening saw Channel Nine's *60 Minutes* crew come and film a feature about TOT during World Youth Day. This session attracted over 950 Sydney locals and pilgrims who came to listen to Archbishop Charles J. Chaput discuss Catholics living double lives.

"*Theology on Tap* is a fun way for young people to reconnect with the Church. All we hope is that people leave more inspired to witness their faith in every aspect of their lives," said Mr Langrell.

STUDENT LIFE

Record number compete at the 2008 Australian University Games

Sports Officer Fremantle Campus, Jaimee Montgomery, reports...

2008 saw a record number of students from both the Fremantle and Sydney campuses compete in the annual Australian University Games (AUG).

This year's games were held in Melbourne and attracted over 7,000 participants from universities all over Australia, including administrators, volunteers, organisers, team managers, university managers, cheers squads and mascots!

In order to qualify, the teams competed in either the *Tertiary Sports WA* or the *East Coast Challenge* during Semester 1. The AUG is the largest and most competitive sports event on the Australian tertiary institutions' sporting calendar.

Through fundraising and sponsorship Fremantle and Sydney students were able to send three mixed netball teams, two rugby 7s teams, women's basketball, mixed touch football team, men's tennis and individual athletes.

The week kicked off with all participating staff and students attending the opening ceremony followed by the social program themed 'Team Colours'. This was a great chance for our competitors to 'scope out' the competition for the week ahead.

Monday was the first day of competition and a chance for Fremantle and Sydney students to become acquainted with Melbourne and each other when that night they gathered at a local restaurant for a team dinner. Despite the anchovies on the pizza, the night was a blast with most students leaving with a full belly and more friends than they walked in with at the start of the night! With all 85 students living in the same apartment block the atmosphere of team bonding and encouragement was overwhelming. By the end of the week the sidelines were filled with the encouraging chants of support for fellow Notre Dame students. No matter what campus the team was from the cheers came loud and clear.

One of the highlights from the week was the performance of the Fremantle mixed touch rugby team. The team was so dominant in their pool matches, they were asked by other teams to 'let them score at least one try during the game'. They were undefeated in the lead up to the final against the other undefeated side, The University of Queensland. When the sides met in the pool matches it finished with a draw, so the tension was running high and the butterflies were going wild. The game was played at a high intensity throughout the whole match. If the crowd was not screaming, they were speechless with anticipation. With Notre Dame having no female substitutes and missing one of the best players the final score came down to 7/4 with Notre Dame winning the silver medal. It was a great effort by all involved.

Another highlight came in the form of Sydney's mixed netball team. Returning for their second tilt at a mixed netball medal, after competing in the 2007 Games on the Gold Coast, the team travelled to Melbourne ready to go into battle on the netball courts.

They started in fine style and were undefeated in their pool matches. They suffered a close loss to eventual winners, Flinders University in their semi final, before finishing in style to win bronze by accounting for the University of South Australia by 12 goals.

With only one broken nose and a sprained ankle, through playing on the courts, the week ended with all teams on high spirits and motivated to meet their competitors on the fields in 2009 on the Gold Coast. The AUG is not only a great chance to meet new friends and become closer to pre-existing ones it enhances the overall university experience for students. It creates wonderful memories outside the lecture rooms, memories that are full of laughs, fun times and sport.



Sydney rugby team.



Fremantle mixed touch football team.



Social Justice students focus on homelessness and poverty

In July, Fremantle Social Justice students took part in a clothes drive to assist homeless people in the Fremantle community.

The students had been looking for a worthy local project that they could support and the annual *Winter Appeal*, coordinated by the St Vincent de Paul Society, fitted the criteria they were looking for.

"The idea of supporting the homeless came when we left an event recently and saw a man lying down on the footpath. It just hit us how close the situation really was to us. You hear it on the news all the time that the number of homeless people is rising and there it was right in front of us," said Arts student, Sejla Pervis.

Law and Arts student, Sarah Crute, who made the group aware of the *Winter Appeal*, is a volunteer with St Vincent de Paul. St Vincent's is the largest charitable organisation in Western Australia. Each year they hold a winter appeal, with this year's theme being 'This time it's personal'. For three weeks, staff and students were encouraged to contribute clothing and shoes to assist the drive.

"The response was fantastic. Just looking at how full the boxes were after only three weeks was truly amazing!" said Miss Pervis.

"Something like a warm jumper can make a big difference to someone's life.

"It's not necessarily about giving money or perhaps travelling overseas and volunteering, it can be as simple as supporting an organisation like St Vincent's that does such great work," said Miss Pervis.

The national initiative, *Anti-Poverty Week* held from 13 October until 17 October, gave students another great opportunity to profile the issues of homelessness and poverty. They hosted a variety of activities including a group 'Sleep out' and a presentation by the University's Dean of Medicine (Fremantle), Professor Gavin Frost, on *The Economics of Homelessness* to highlight the issues associated with being homeless in Australia.

Professor Frost presented as part of the University's *Conversations on Tap* series which is held four times a year. In addition to Professor Frost, Mr Wyn Williams, Chief Executive Officer, June O'Connor Centre (Inc) and School of Business Professor David Gilchrist also presented.

Professor Gilchrist addressed homelessness versus affordable housing, covering issues such as the increasing cost of living, rising rents, the need for emergency and crisis accommodation, mental health and access available for mental health care and how this affects pensioners, youth, aged, unemployed people and people released from prison.

"In terms of affordable housing, there are currently 17,500 people on the housing

waiting list for the Department of Housing and Works in Western Australia and those people are spread right through our regions, right through rural Western Australia and the metropolitan area," said Professor Gilchrist.

Mr Williams covered the area of mental illness in relation to homelessness. He spoke about the June O'Connor Centre which is a 'drop in centre' with currently four locations. The Centre began as a 'drop in centre' for people with mental illness with around 400 members 10 years ago.

"We now have over 2300 registered members; a number of those members are living on the streets," said Mr Williams.

Dr Frost spoke about the economics side of homelessness and how this relates to the health care system.

"How many homeless people are there in Australia?" began Dr Frost. "Firstly, no one knows."

"Every night in Australia 725 people who seek urgent emergency accommodation are turned away," said Dr Frost.

Throughout the week, local community businesses such as *Freo Street Doctor*, *Mobile Health Clinic*, *St Pat's Gimme Shelter*, *Edmund Rice Centre*, *The Big Issue* and the *Australian Red Cross* promoted their work to staff and students.

ALUMNI & DEVELOPMENT

Manager of Alumni and Development, Ms Sarah Linton reports...

Physiotherapy 2nd annual alumni function

Fairweathers Bar
Thursday 28 August 2008

Our fourth year physiotherapy students had an opportunity to meet and network with our physiotherapy graduates at the 2nd annual alumni function which added much to the social mix. Past graduates gave the fourth years some handy tips and shared their experiences of entering the workforce.

Special guests included Mr Peter Owens from *MoveWell Physiotherapy* and Mr Cameron Tweedie from *LifeCare* who generously sponsored the event and contributed to

the Year 4 professional seminar held during the day.

Associate Dean of Health Sciences and Head of Physiotherapy, Professor Peter Hamer, welcomed the students, alumni and special guests and acknowledged the support and generosity of Notre Dame alumni in contributing to University initiatives and staying connected with their university.

We hope that the wonderful turn out of students (both present and past) and staff members will be indicative of the popularity of this function in the future.

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1. Kira Flanagan (2008), Hannah Camp (2008), Professor Helen Parker, Emma Riley (2008), Associate Professor Geoff Meyer (UWA).

2. Peter Harvey (2006) and Jonathon Courtis (2006). • 3. Brodie McKenzie (2007) and Stephen Ranford (2006).

4. Back row: Caitlin Gollow (2008), Kate Drew (2008) Front row: Lecturer, Claire Bourgoignie; Clinical Education Liaison Manager, Susan Edgar; baby Alice Travlos and Joanne Connaughton.

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John Pica

*Bachelor of Applied Science/
Bachelor of Arts 2005*

Initially I studied a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Physical Education but decided that it would broaden my horizons if I also studied Arts. I therefore also completed a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Politics and a minor in History.

After graduating and 'finally getting my act together', my first job was with UWA Sports, where I was hired as the Assistant Sport Manager and then Sports Manager of the 2005 Indian Rim Asian University Games. The international event was a great success, having many countries bordering the Indian ocean rim come to Perth to compete in 14 different sports.

After the games I travelled to South Africa where I worked and holidayed for four months. When I returned to Perth I was offered a position (thanks to the help of Julie Hewson, my Notre Dame Intern Practicum lecturer and now dear friend) at Body Active Consultancy (BAC). I am now an AAESS accredited Exercise Physiologist with BAC. I work on a Monday to Friday fly-in-fly-out roster providing customised work force health management programs to mining sites all over Australia.

In 2007 I decided to further diversify my interests and I bought into a private business which I am now developing. In amongst all of this busy life story, I found time a few weeks ago to propose and am now engaged to my beautiful fiancée, Marissa Lee. We are planning a wedding for next year. Other than that, life is great and I am living it to the full.



Renee Garner

Bachelor of Laws (Honours) 2005

I have always had a keen interest in environmental issues and in particular climate change.

So it is appropriate that as a solicitor at Freehills I have become a member of the firm's National Climate Change Group and my work here has included advising on a number of deals with environmental implications such as AGL's project financing of Hallett Wind Farm and ERM Power's Stage 2 development of the Braemar gas-fired power station in Queensland.

I have tried to profile this important global issue by publishing a number of articles: my honours thesis and by co-authoring the first Australian text book on the legal and policy aspects of climate change at the local, state and national level in Australia - *Global Climate Change: Australian Law and Policy*. These experiences have given me the opportunity to combine my legal and commercial background with my passion and enthusiasm for this emerging area of law.

I am currently preparing to speak at the International Conference on Climate Change to be held at the Institute of Environment Education and Research, Pune, India, in January 2009.

I believe climate change is not just an environmental issue, it's a corporate issue. In some form or another climate change will affect everyone, and it's those businesses taking action now that will truly benefit from the current and imminent climate change laws and policies.



Fr Stephen Giles *MHM*

Master of Arts (Theological Studies) 2004

Sometime in 2001, I attended a Clergy Seminar in Safety Bay, Western Australia (WA). Fr Tom Ryan SM, a member of the theology faculty was present and he was promoting the study of theology at Notre Dame as an option for ongoing clergy formation. I returned to my Parish of Moora (located in WA's wheatbelt region), and after some thought, enrolled at Notre Dame.

The study over four semesters was most satisfying, as of an evening, there is time in rural WA for systematic reading. In 2004, the Mill Hill Missionary Society, of which I am a member, appointed me to South Africa with a view to adult religious education. There is, however, a shortage of people with canonical and pontifical degrees in South Africa, so on the strength of my Notre Dame MA I was seconded to the National Seminary in Pretoria – a most scenic city – to teach theology. In the meantime, I had enrolled at the Potchefstroom Campus of the North-West University to do a Masters in Ethics.

In September 2008, I graduated, and am the first Roman Catholic Priest in South Africa to do so through the Faculty of Theology. Researching in a Calvinist faculty through 'Potch', as it is known colloquially, was a mutually enriching ecumenical venture, and one that I and the faculty continue to enjoy through my doctoral studies in Christian ethics.

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